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1. (Unclassified - DSB) Received a call from Mr. Bruce Barr, staff member of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, requesting a copy of the Director's speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors. A copy was sent.

2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Committee review of the Civil Service Commission "Oliver report" on classification standards has been put over until after the July recess. He said that legislation on the subject is not anticipated before the Committee before next March or April. He suggested that in the meantime it would be well to work directly with the Civil Service Commission to be sure that in the drafting of legislation that exemption for the Agency and any other necessary organs of the intelligence community be set forth in the original legislation forwarded to the Hill by the Administration. He noted that although the draft report suggested that the Agency should be included in future legislation, it is his understanding that Mr. Oliver has talked to Agency representatives and hopefully this point is being resolved by direct contact with Mr. Oliver and the Commission.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met Mr. Benny L. Kass, former Counsel on the House Government Information and Foreign Operations Subcommittee, by chance in the corridor at the Capitol. Mr. Kass told me that he is filing suit tomorrow on behalf of Representatives John Moss (D., Calif.) and Ogden Reid (R., N. Y.) against Melvin Laird under the Government Information Act. He said he couldn't give me any more information this morning since he is acting as private counsel but that he is sure that the Agency would be interested in talking to him about the matter after the action has been filed. Mr. Houston, General Counsel, has been advised.

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25X1 10. [ ] Met with Mr. Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the RFE/RL bill pending before the House District Committee has not been transferred to Foreign Affairs. He does not know whether Chairman Morgan has talked to Chairman McMullen about the matter. In any event, the Committee will be engaged through the 4th of July recess on considerations and markup of the AID bill. All other things being equal, it would appear that consideration of the Radios bill could not be undertaken by the Committee until after the 4th of July recess. I thanked Mr. Westphal for the information.

25X1 11. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the Rooney Subcommittee has again  
25X1 [ ] Europe Division, has been advised.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the completion of the Soviet military exercise "Yug."

25X1 12. [ ] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that H.R. 6483, relating to promotion of Marine Corps officers to the grade of general, probably will not come up before the floor of the House for 10 days to two weeks due to failure of the Committee to take the bill to the floor last Friday.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on the completion of the Soviet military exercise "Yug."

25X1 13. [ ] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed briefly with him the status of the Hanley Subcommittee review of legislation concerning protection of privacy of Federal employees. Mr. Slatinshek told me he will be pretty much tied up in the next week or so on matters relating to the draft bill and since there is no particular rush at the moment, he will put over discussion of the proposed letter from Chairman Hebert to Chairman Dulski until the draft bill is completed.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on Soviet use of airborne strategic command post; Soyuz-11 Salyut and the completion of the Soviet military exercise "Yug."

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25X1 7. [ ] Gwen Lewis, in the office of Senator Len Jordan, called to say that in view of the Senator's conversation yesterday with Mr. Gene Cowen, of the White House staff, there was no need for a meeting today to discuss certain Agency operations in Southeast Asia.

25X1 8. [ ] Called Representative Morris K. Udall and offered to review with him the substance of the breakfast briefing we had given other members of the Hanley Subcommittee regarding our problems on the Ervin bill. Mr. Udall appreciated the offer and said he would like to get together possibly Wednesday, 23 June. He asked me to call him then to make a firm date.

25X1 9. [ ] Mr. Gene Cowen, of the White House staff, called to say he had talked with Senator Len Jordan yesterday and there was no need for further action regarding Jordan's query re certain Agency activities in Southeast Asia.

25X1 10. [ ] Called Representative Lawrence Hogan and said I would be glad to meet with him to summarize the briefing given the Hanley Subcommittee regarding our problems with the Ervin bill, which Mr. Hogan had been unable to attend. Mr. Hogan appreciated the offer but said he was "100% with us" and there was no need to waste time on a briefing in order to get his support. However, he said he was disappointed not to have visited Headquarters and I told him to call me whenever he had time to come out for breakfast or lunch.

25X1 11. [ ] Mr. Davis, Administrative Assistant to Representative William Scott (R., Va.), called to say Mr. Scott wanted to know the Agency's views regarding the Badillo bill forbidding the Agency to engage in paramilitary operations. I told Davis that this bill dealt with authority given the Agency under the National Security Act of 1947 and was exercised only under the direction of the National Security Council. I said in such matters the Agency was merely a service organization carrying out direction of higher authority and, therefore, could take no position for or against the bill. I suggested the matter be referred to the White House which was best qualified to speak on such policy questions.

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